

Children, Youth, and Family Services

FUNCTION

The mission of Children, Youth, and Family Services is to promote opportunities for children to grow up safe, healthy, ready for school and for families and individuals to be self-sufficient. This mission is realized through the provision of protective, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for children and their families and through education, support and financial assistance for parents, caretakers and individuals. These services work to build on the strengths of both the individual and the community in addressing issues of child development, abuse, neglect, health and economic security.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Child Welfare Services

This program provides protective, rehabilitative, and supportive services for children who are maltreated and for their families. This program also provides supportive and financial help to relatives, and foster and adoptive parents. Investigations, protective services, kinship care, foster care, adoption and in-home aide services are also provided through this program. Family Preservation Services provide social services to families with children who are at risk of removal from home due to neglect or abuse.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| FY08 Approved | 19,236,320 | 205.3 |
| Replace: The Child Assessment Center (Tree House)- replace grant funds to maintain current contractual positions | 175,090 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 2,284,230 | 1.5 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 21,695,640 | 206.8 |

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the realignment of HB669 funds.

Conservation Corps

This program seeks to increase the employability of out-of-school, at-risk 17 to 24 year old youth by providing opportunities for personal growth, education, and training. Corps members earn their high school equivalency diploma and perform conservation, landscape, and carpentry projects. Program participants also build trails, homeless shelters, handicap access ramps, and run a recycling program.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| FY08 Approved | 797,220 | 26.4 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 52,510 | 0.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 849,730 | 26.4 |

Linkages to Learning

This program is a collaborative effort of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools, and various private agencies which provides school-based services to students and families to improve performance in the school, home, and community. Children and their families can obtain integrated social services, health, and mental health care, in addition to educational support services at selected MCPS sites.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 5,161,790 | 6.5 |
| Reduce: Abolish Program Manager I Position | -124,110 | -1.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 137,440 | 0.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 5,175,120 | 5.5 |

Juvenile Justice Services

The primary function of Juvenile Justice Services is to support the County's comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan by integrating screening, assessment, case management, community services and treatment with the juvenile justice legal process. These programs serve youth involved in, or at risk for involvement in, the juvenile justice system and youth in need of services for substance abuse. HHS works in partnership with the Police Department Family Crimes Division, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court, Montgomery County Public Schools, and other relevant agencies and non-profit organizations.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| FY08 Approved | 4,809,800 | 13.1 |
| Increase Cost: Positive Youth Development: Gang Prevention Initiative-Youth Opportunity Center (Grant Replacement) | 397,730 | 0.0 |
| Increase Cost: High School Wellness Center | 298,340 | 0.0 |
| Replace: Juvenile Drug Court Funding for case management services for 15 juveniles | 65,000 | 0.0 |
| Replace: Journeys Intensive Outpatient Program - grant shortfall to provide substance abuse services to four youth | 64,670 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: Federal High School Wellness Center Grant | -229,650 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: Crossroads-Earmark Grant | -370,220 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: Federal Gang/Youth Initiative Grant | -486,470 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 362,050 | 6.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 4,911,250 | 19.1 |

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the shift of the Gang Street Outreach program from the Office of the Director to Juvenile Justice Services (6 WYs)

Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services

This program focuses on increasing the quality of early care and education programs available to young children throughout Montgomery County through technical assistance, consultation, and training for providers and helping parents choose quality child care through counseling and referrals. This program also includes the development of strategies to increase the supply of quality early care and education programs and services.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| FY08 Approved | 2,155,970 | 13.6 |
| Add: Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant (Grant) | 150,000 | 1.0 |
| Replace: Grant funds to avoid the loss of the Child Link Bi-Lingual Counselor | 51,360 | 0.0 |
| Increase Cost: Child Care Resource and Referral Grant | 4,780 | 0.5 |
| Decrease Cost: Play Ground Equipment Funding | -20,000 | 0.0 |
| Decrease Cost: Abolish Program Manager I position - Early Childhood Services | -40,690 | -0.5 |
| Eliminate: Funding for community-based Pre-Kindergarten Services | -340,000 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 714,510 | 0.5 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 2,675,930 | 15.1 |

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments includes funds (approximately \$590,000) for pre-kindergarten services that were shifted from Head Start. The Child Care Resource and Referral Grant includes a mid year Program Manager I creation and a FY09 .5 workyear abolishment (Program Specialist II).

Head Start

The health component of the Head Start program has been transferred to Public Health Services, and the remaining services can be found in Administration and Support in the Office of Community Affairs.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 2,140,500 | 9.2 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | -2,140,500 | -9.2 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 0 | 0.0 |

Parent Support Services

These services, delivered through contracts between HHS, the State and private non-profits, support parents as their children's first and most important teacher. The services primarily target families and children with risk factors such as poverty, health issues, and isolation. They include voluntary screening of newborns and services such as "Learning Parties," home visits, health and parenting education, screening of children to identify special needs, and family support.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 599,820 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 21,630 | 0.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 621,450 | 0.0 |

Services to Children with Special Needs

This program, more commonly known as Infants and Toddlers, provides evaluation, assessment, and early intervention services to families with children under age three when there is a concern about development or where a developmental delay is documented. The services are delivered using a family-centered approach and are provided by staff employed by Montgomery County Public Schools, Department of Health and Human Services, and private community service providers.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 2,060,540 | 9.8 |
| Enhance: Infants and Toddlers State Grant | 113,750 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 107,010 | 0.1 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 2,281,300 | 9.9 |

Child Care Subsidies

This program provides child care subsidies and support for eligible low-income families. The Child Care subsidy program is the single point of entry for both the State and Federally-funded Purchase of Care program and the County's Working Parents Assistance program.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| FY08 Approved | 11,478,550 | 30.6 |
| Decrease Cost: Technical adjustment - Reduce two unfunded Full Time positions and workyears from HB669 | 0 | -2.0 |
| Reduce: Abolish Income Assistance Specialist II position - Child Care Subsidies | -63,910 | -1.0 |
| Reduce: Working Parents Assistance Program | -311,360 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | -234,010 | -2.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 10,869,270 | 25.6 |

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the shift of two Income Assistance Program Specialist positions to Income Supports as part of a reorganization

Income Supports

This program serves low-income families and individuals facing significant challenges. This program determines eligibility for: Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children); Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP); Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Food Stamps (FS); Community Medical Assistance (MA); and Refugee Medical Assistance. This program also manages a required employment program for applicants and recipients of TCA.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|-------------------|--------------|
| FY08 Approved | 13,031,600 | 134.5 |
| Reduce: League of Korean Americans Contract | -40,000 | 0.0 |
| Shift: Program Manager position from the County General Fund to State funding (Family Investment Plan) | -96,530 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 1,805,890 | 3.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 14,700,960 | 137.5 |

Notes: Miscellaneous adjustments include the shift of two Income Assistance Program Specialist positions from Child Care Subsidies as part of a reorganization and a mid-year Program Specialist II position creation

Child and Adolescent Services

Services provided through this program include respite care, community empowerment efforts, single-parent family services, youth services, and family outreach efforts. The program also provides for the coordination, planning, and implementation of a number of key interagency initiatives among public and private agencies in the community to meet the needs of children, youth, and their families.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|------------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 3,654,540 | 4.3 |
| Eliminate: Passions For Learning - Ruth Rales Program Contract | -24,540 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: George B. Thomas Learning Academy - Ruth Rales Program Contract | -39,390 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: Interages - Ruth Rales Program Contract | -39,400 | 0.0 |
| Eliminate: Catalyst Health Concepts Contract (Kennedy Cluster Project) | -100,000 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 82,570 | 0.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 3,533,780 | 4.3 |

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Children, Youth, and Family Services.

FY09 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|--|----------------|------------|
| FY08 Approved | 348,860 | 3.0 |
| Miscellaneous adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting more than one program | 23,890 | 0.0 |
| FY09 CE Recommended | 372,750 | 3.0 |